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INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

Events Transpiring in and About Punta Gorda--Personal Mention

Elias and Cephas Keen visited Arcadia yesterday.

George E. Bryant went up to Moffett's on a business errand, yesterday.

Hon Cyril Baldwin, county tax collector, was here on official business, yesterday.

No war prices here.. We are neutral. Kinsel's Dept. Store. (adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meadows returned Tuesday night from their trip to the Pacific coast. They greatly enjoyed the trip.

Miss Una Lee Tucker of Nashville, Tenn., one of the two sisters who were guests last week of Miss Elizabeth Mayes, is an accomplished singer. On last Wednesday and the following Saturday nights, she sang in the Dixie Theatre with such sweetness and clearness of voice that the audience was delighted and gave her hearty applause.

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Ornamental trees and shrubbery set on Marian avenue and Taylor street should be placed five feet from the sidewalk line; otherwise they will have to be removed. So says Mayor Smith, and citizens will, therefore, take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Clothing, shoes and hats—latest styles—for men at R. C. Blount's (adv.)

Mrs. C. H. Cleveland and baby went up to Brownville, Monday evening, to spend a few days with Mrs. C's sister, Mrs. Roy Saxon, after which she will return here to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Whiteaker, for a short while, before returning to her home at Boca Grande.

If its dry goods or shoes you want, try Kinsel's Dept. Store. (adv.)

The town's artesian well on the Punta Gorda Bank corner did a singular thing about noon, Saturday. Without any warning or evident cause, it suddenly doubled its flow. The attention of Clayt Porter, who bored the well some ten years ago, was called to the circumstance, and he explained that the constant flow of the water for years had washed out some obstruction, sand or rock, far down in the earth below the casing, which reaches to a depth of 275 feet, and thus permitted an additional flow of water.

I am getting up a class in piano; all those wishing to take from me, call at my home, corner Olympia Ave. and Sullivan St.—Lillian Corbett—33-31.

Garrett Taylor returned to town Tuesday night.

Thousands of old newspapers for sale cheap, at The Herald office.—tf.

This month will end next Thursday.

Excursion to Boca Grande next Wednesday afternoon; every body go!

The local high school will open for the fall term on Monday, Sept. 4th.

Vegetables and fruits in their season and at right prices at Griggs' grocery. (adv.) tf.

If you want to have a good time, go on the boat excursion to Boca Grande next Wednesday afternoon.

The work of laying asphalt paving on Marian avenue is progressing finely. The west end is receiving first attention.

For an hour's real wholesome enjoyment, go to "Sli Slooem's Country Store" in the high school auditorium Tuesday night.

Help the cause of charity and get the full worth of your money by attending the entertainment in the high school auditorium, Tuesday night.

Griggs can supply you with most anything in the eating line. Phone orders given prompt attention. (adv.) tf.

Mrs. J. N. Sikes and daughter, Miss Anna Mae, went up to Avon Park, yesterday evening, to visit the former's daughter, Mrs. Jonathan Skipper.

Daily we are expecting to report a wedding that will cause considerable surprise in Punta Gorda, and every body will congratulate the groom.

Every Thursday is an exceedingly busy day in The Herald office. We have to make up, print and mail the paper on Thursday, and it takes the whole time of our force to do the work in time to connect with the out-going mails.

C. G. Johansen, a fine old gentleman who was well known by many of our older citizens, died at his home at Boca Grande Monday night, and was buried in Joshua Creek Cemetery, Arcadia, yesterday morning. For years, he had been a sufferer from asthma.

Mrs. H. M. Reid is taking the lead in getting up a boat excursion to go to Boca Grande next Wednesday afternoon. No efforts will be spared to make this the most delightful excursion of the season; and, as it will be for the benefit of the Episcopal church, it should be liberally patronized.

The local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star is preparing for an appropriate observance of Founder's Day, which will be next Thursday, 31st inst. It is expected that fifteen or twenty of the Fort Myers chapter will be present and assist in the ceremonies of the occasion.

Mrs. A. J. Hawkins' Sunday school class will give an entertainment for charity in the high school auditorium next Tuesday night, 29th inst. An amusing farce entitled "Si Slooem's Country Store" will be presented, besides which there will be music and other features to make the affair well worth attending. Every body should be present. Admission for adults only 25c. children 15c.

Synopsis of Weather and Crop Conditions in Florida for the Week ending August 22, 1916

The week was one of the hottest and driest of the summer. It was without heavy, or widely distributed rains, except locally in the central division, where some heavy rains fell. Rain is needed over the section very generally, especially in the citrus and trucking belts, where the work of seeding and transplanting for fall crops is progressing. Some reports indicate that oranges will be small should the dry weather continue much longer in the southern division. Moderate showers would benefit cotton over portions of the northern division. The crop made no improvement during the week; in fact, it failed as a result of rust and shedding of fruit. The boll weevil is doing only local damage. The fair, hot weather was favorable for haying and the opening of cotton. Cane, cassava, velvet beans, sweet potatoes and peanuts are doing well.—A. J. MITCHELL, Meteorologist.

ROAD BOND MONEY

Trustee Tucker Gives Some Figures that Are Interesting

A. B. Tucker, one of the bond trustees of the Punta Gorda special road and bridge district, who is in active charge of the construction work in this district, kindly furnishes The Herald with the following figures, which will prove interesting and instructive to many readers.

It will be remembered that the amount of the bonds was \$200,000. After about six months of engineering work followed by nearly two years of actual construction, there remained in the hands of the trustees on Aug. 1st inst. a balance of bond money amounting to \$113,828.60. This money is deposited in three of the county banks and is drawing 5 per cent interest. Other districts that have voted bonds are not getting any interest on their bank deposits. This speaks well for the management by our trustees.

The total interest on our bonds received and due up to Aug. 1st is \$17,346.39. The amount of the sinking fund on hand is \$7,593.36. Adding this last item to the \$113,828.60 now in three banks gives a total of \$121,421.95 cash on hand available for road construction and for paying interest on bonds as it falls due.

An immense amount of road work has been done, and yet the trustees have on hand nearly half the amount originally voted for road building. Trustee Tucker says that the balance on hand will be ample to complete the system of roads as planned and agreed upon in the beginning. He gives also the cheering information that the work of hard-surfacing the road from here to Arcadia will begin in a few days. This is the road that should have been constructed first of all.

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"Horseless carriages" are frequently due to absence of horse sense.

Some men are mean enough to receive an honorary degree from a school of sharks.

Perkins' man, T. R., is docile enough but Brainbridge Colby is behaving like a mad mullah.

Judging by the reports of what has happened to French chateaux, those who build castles in Spain are wise to pick a neutral site.

Whether or not they marry in haste, very few of those who get their names in the State's wedding columns have to report at leisure.

More than a month has passed since his resignation, and the United States Supreme Court not only survives but seems as resigned as he does.

Having been "deserted by the Progressives," Colonel Roosevelt was immediately joined by those sympathetic souls, Penrose, Root, Crane and Smoot. The Colonel never lacks friends.

The Tampa Tribune argues that the certificate given by the canvassing board and the secretary of state is sufficient and unchangeable. But it is a maxim of law that proof of fraud vitiates any bond and the law provides and appeal which is the right of any complainant. —Florida Times-Union.

Attorney-General West advises that all persons who registered to vote in the primary of June 6th also register for the November election, as there is grave doubt as to the constitutionality of the

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That Mysterious Aeroplane

It seems that, during the time the mysterious aeroplane was sailing over this part of Florida, on Sunday morning, 13th inst., a remarkable meteor came from the vicinity of Pensacola, crossing the Gulf, and expending itself over Manatee county. It was seen by several people in the neighborhood of Sarasota, one of whom alleged that after passing Sarasota, it divided into two parts which disappeared into the east.

Putting all reports together, it is evident that the aeroplane, which was a real one, came from the south and passed over Punta Gorda about 1 a. m. An hour later, it was distinctly seen and its machinery heard at Tarpon Springs and, shortly after that, it was seen flying over Tampa. That was the last time it was observed.

Now consider the course of this aeroplane: it came from the south, went north as far as Tarpon Springs, turned south and disappeared after passing over Tampa. Who ever saw a meteor run around like that? It is evident that there were both a meteor and an aeroplane and if there are those who are disposed to still insist that these two objects were one and the same thing, how do they explain the mysterious aeroplane that was seen circling over Manatee county a little over four months ago?

Are all the meteors traveling in South Florida skies equipped as aeroplanes and able to change their course two or three times in two hours?

Plant City Courier:—Editor Jordan of the Punta Gorda Herald, is said to be building a fishing lodge on his property on Charlotte Harbor for the accommodation of his friends. If he expects to accommodate all his friends; he will need a building the size of the Royal Poinciana.

Florida's Fruit Groves Threatened Protect Yours by Spraying Now

Rust mite and white fly are unusually prevalent in groves at this time. Get rid of these pests right away. Delay means loss.

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